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Israel, the occupying Power, yesterday committed yet another extrajudicial killing. Helicopter gunships fired missiles at a car travelling in Gaza City, killing four Palestinian men and wounding at least eight other people. This war crime follows the extrajudicial killing committed three days prior, on 21 August 2003, when the Israeli occupying forces, using helicopter gunships, killed Mr. Ismail Abu Shanab, a political leader of Hamas, and two other Palestinian men in Gaza. Israel has claimed that these killings were committed in retaliation for the suicide bombing that occurred in West Jerusalem on Tuesday, 19 August. However, the fact remains that throughout the period since the unilateral declaration of a ceasefire (hudna) by Palestinian groups on 29 June 2003, Israel has not stopped its attacks on Palestinians, particularly those declared by the occupying Power to be "targeted" for assassination. This is tragically reflected in the annexed list of Palestinian martyrs. These killings have been carried out by the occupying Power in blatant violation of international law as well as in violation of the terms of the road map, which requires Israel to immediately end "violence against Palestinians everywhere".

Furthermore, during this period, the Israeli occupying forces have continued to detain and imprison hundreds of Palestinians in addition to the thousands who continue to be held by the occupying Power, to demolish homes and to impose restrictions on the freedom of movement of persons and goods throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Such actions and measures have impeded efforts to improve the situation on the ground and ameliorate the humanitarian crisis being faced by the Palestinian people. Moreover, in the past week, the Israeli occupying forces have made several incursions into Palestinian cities and towns, particularly Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarem.

It is clear that, from the very beginning, Mr. Sharon and his government have been bent on destroying the road map — or at the very least preventing its implementation — as they have done with previous peace efforts, such as the Mitchell recommendations and the Tenet plan. At this stage, Israeli officials are

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indicating that the extrajudicial killings, in addition to other war crimes being committed, will continue, thus ensuring the potentially catastrophic decline of the situation. As such, we believe that the international community, the members of the Quartet and the Security Council must intervene with the aim of stabilizing the situation on the ground and safeguarding and promoting peace efforts between the two sides.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 168 letters to you regarding the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 27 June 2003 (A/ES-10/229-S/2003/677), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I deeply regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least 28 Palestinians, including women and children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,510 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 1 July 2003 through Sunday, 24 August 2003)

Tuesday, 1 July 2003

Nimer Taher Musa Jayusi

Thursday, 3 July 2003

1. Mohammed Shawir Mohammed Al-Nees
2. Omar Mohammed Yussef Omar (15 years old)

Saturday, 5 July 2003

Majdi Abu Shlouf

Wednesday, 9 July 2003

Eyad Mohammed Akel Shalameesh

Friday, 11 July 2003

Yezzen Ibrahim Mahmoud Al-Tabil (11 years old)

Thursday, 17 July 2003

Ahmed Naji Zakariyah Shahouri (12 years old)

Monday, 21 July 2003

Rami Ali Khalil Saleet

Friday, 1 August 2003

1. Rawhi Hamouda Al-Hore
2. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Hindi (13 years old)

Sunday, 3 August 2003

Salman Mohammed Ahmed Abu-Ghalya

Monday, 4 August 2003

Nehad Riziq Mohammed Qassem

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,510.

Tuesday, 5 August 2003

Munir Baker Hassen Abu-Heen (14 years old)

Friday, 8 August 2003

1. Khamees Yussef Abu Salem
2. Fayez Fareed Hamid Al-Sadir
3. Fawzi Ahmed Fawzi Al-Alami
4. Mahmoud Tayseer Al-Tik

Thursday, 14 August 2003

Mohammed Ayoub Dahoud Sidr

Tuesday, 19 August 2003

Khadra Yussef Hussein 'Ara

Thursday, 21 August 2003

1. Saeed Awad Ghanim (15 years old)
2. Ismail Hassan Abu Shanab
3. Hani Majid Abu Al-Omaren
4. Mo-min Mohammed Salman Barood

Friday, 22 August 2003

Khaled Al-Namrooti

Sunday, 24 August 2003

1. Ahmed Shatiwi
2. Wahid Hamid Al-Hums
3. Mohammed Abu Libdeh
4. Ahmed Abu Hilal

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to adamantly and recklessly pursue its campaign of extrajudicial killings of Palestinians in flagrant violation of all norms and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law. Following the extrajudicial killing of four Palestinians in Gaza on Monday, the Israeli occupying forces yesterday continued this illegal and barbaric campaign by targeting a car carrying three Palestinian men in northern Gaza. The missile attack launched against them by helicopter gunships missed their car and killed an elderly Palestinian man, Younis Mohammed Al-Abed Al-Hamlawi, aged 65, nearby. The attack also wounded at least 20 other Palestinian civilians, including four children.

In the wake of the attack, Israeli officials today reiterated their intentions to continue pursuing this pernicious policy of targeting Palestinians for execution, regardless of its illegality or humanitarian consequences or the impact on the fragile peace process between the two sides. Clearly, the continuation of such actions by the occupying Power is seriously obstructing any and all efforts to stabilize the situation on the ground, including with regard to a ceasefire, to proceed with the peace process and to implement the road map.

In addition, the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out countless other illegal actions and measures in systematic violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people. The occupying forces continue to raid Palestinian cities, towns and villages and to arrest, abduct and detain dozens more Palestinians. In a particularly appalling incident in the pre-dawn hours of Tuesday, 26 August, Israeli occupying forces raided the Raffidiyah Hospital in the city of Nablus, physically confined the doctors and nurses, broke down several doors and abducted two wounded Palestinian men from their beds. As the Israeli occupying forces continue to commit such human rights violations against the Palestinian people on a daily basis, they seriously risk further aggravating the already tense and grave situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

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It is incumbent upon the international community, including in particular the Security Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, to take a firm stand against such illegal policies and actions and to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its constant violations of international law. Measures must be undertaken to ensure that Israel complies with international law, including international humanitarian law, as well as with the provisions of the road map. Only under such conditions can the situation be prevented from further and irreparably deteriorating and can a climate truly conducive to the pursuit of peace actually emerge and thrive.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 169 letters to you regarding the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 25 August 2003 (A/ES-10/231-S/2003/834), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least two Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,512 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 26 August 2003)

Tuesday, 26 August 2003

1. Medalala Mohammed Aljedayli
2. Younis Mohammed Al-Abed Al-Hamlawi

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,512.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In particular, throughout the past week, the Israeli occupying forces have fervently resumed the barbaric and criminal campaign of extrajudicial killings. Yesterday, the occupying forces committed yet another extrajudicial killing in the Gaza Strip. Using helicopter gunship missile fire, the occupying forces killed a Palestinian man, Hamdi Adnan Kalakh, and wounded at least three other Palestinians in the Khan Yunis area. Following the killing, Israeli officials once again declared their intention to continue targeting Palestinians for execution, regardless of the fact that such actions constitute war crimes and violations of international law and international humanitarian law.

At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continued to carry out other illegal measures and actions throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In the Beit Hanoun area of Gaza yesterday the occupying forces, using bulldozers and tanks, razed and destroyed large areas of farmland and orchards in collective punishment of the Palestinian population in the area. Indeed, it is being reported that the occupying forces are undertaking measures and preparations for even wider-scale military actions in the Gaza Strip. In addition, the occupying forces continue conducting raids and arresting Palestinians, particularly in the Nablus and Jenin areas. Among its actions in Jenin yesterday, the occupying forces also opened fire and wounded at least three Palestinian men.

Clearly, as the occupying forces continue to carry out this deadly military campaign against the Palestinian people, the grave situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, will continue to deteriorate. The ongoing policy of extrajudicial killings along with the continuing destruction of homes and property, ongoing colonial settlement activities, including the construction of the occupying Power's expansionist (annexation) wall, continuing restrictions on the freedom of movement of persons and goods, including

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the imposition of curfews, and recent measures with regard to Al-Haram Al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary) in Occupied East Jerusalem, serve only to increase tensions and exacerbate an already inflamed situation. In light of this situation, the international community, particularly the Security Council, must undertake urgent measures to address such blatant Israeli violations of international law and to stem the perilous downward spiral of conditions on the ground and, in turn, of the peace process.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 170 letters to you regarding the crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 27 August 2003 (A/ES-10/232-S/2003/843), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter, at least 4 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs to 2,516 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 27 August 2003, and Thursday, 28 August 2003)

Wednesday, 27 August 2003

1. Mustafa Mohammed Ali Salahat
2. Mohammed Ibrahim Ba'lousheh (17 years old)

Thursday, 28 August 2003

1. Sabra Salem Hamdiyeh
2. Hamdi Adnan Kalakh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,516.